

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments and petitions to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Submit electronic comments to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Beverly Friedman, Office of Regulatory Policy, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 51, rm. 6222, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 301-796-3602.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-417) and the Generic Animal Drug and Patent Term Restoration Act (Public Law 100-670) generally provide that a patent may be extended for a period of up to 5 years so long as the patented item (human drug product, animal drug product, medical device, food additive, or color additive) was subject to regulatory review by FDA before the item was marketed. Under these acts, a product's regulatory review period forms the basis for determining the amount of extension an applicant may receive.

A regulatory review period consists of two periods of time: A testing phase and an approval phase. For animal drug products, the testing phase begins on the earlier date when either a major environmental effects test was initiated for the drug or when an exemption under section 512(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360b(j)) became effective and runs until the approval phase begins. The approval phase starts with the initial submission of an application to market the animal drug product and continues until FDA grants permission to market the drug product. Although only a portion of a regulatory review period may count toward the actual amount of extension that the Director of Patents and Trademarks may award (for example, half the testing phase must be subtracted as well as any time that may have occurred before the patent was issued), FDA's determination of the length of a regulatory review period for an animal drug product will include all of the testing phase and approval phase as specified in 35 U.S.C. 156(g)(4)(B).

FDA recently approved for marketing the animal drug product CERENIA INJECTABLE SOLUTION (maropitant). CERENIA INJECTABLE SOLUTION is indicated for the prevention and treatment of acute vomiting in dogs. Subsequent to this approval, the Patent and Trademark Office received a patent term restoration application for CERENIA INJECTABLE SOLUTION

(U.S. Patent No. 6,222,038) from Pfizer Inc., and the Patent and Trademark Office requested FDA's assistance in determining this patent's eligibility for patent term restoration. In a letter dated May 6, 2008, FDA advised the Patent and Trademark Office that this animal drug product had undergone a regulatory review period and that the approval of CERENIA INJECTABLE SOLUTION represented the first permitted commercial marketing or use of the product. Shortly thereafter, the Patent and Trademark Office requested that FDA determine the product's regulatory review period.

FDA has determined that the applicable regulatory review period for CERENIA INJECTABLE SOLUTION is 1,887 days. Of this time, 1,841 days occurred during the testing phase of the regulatory review period, while 46 days occurred during the approval phase. These periods of time were derived from the following dates:

1. *The date an exemption under section 512(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360b(j)) became effective:* December 1, 2001. The applicant claims June 28, 2000, as the date the investigational new animal drug application (INAD) became effective. However, the date that a major health or environmental effects test is begun or the date on which the agency acknowledges the filing of a notice of claimed investigational exemption for a new animal drug, whichever is earlier, is the effective date for the INAD. According to FDA records, December 1, 2001, is the effective date for the INAD.

2. *The date the application was initially submitted with respect to the animal drug product under section 512 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act:* December 15, 2006. The applicant claims December 13, 2006, as the date the new animal drug application (NADA) for CERENIA INJECTABLE SOLUTION (NADA 141-263) was initially submitted. However, a review of FDA records reveals that NADA 141-263 was initially submitted on December 15, 2006.

3. *The date the application was approved:* January 29, 2007. FDA has verified the applicant's claim that NADA 141-263 was approved on January 29, 2007.

This determination of the regulatory review period establishes the maximum potential length of a patent extension. However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office applies several statutory limitations in its calculations of the actual period for patent extension. In its application for patent extension, this applicant seeks 1,078 days of patent term extension.

Anyone with knowledge that any of the dates as published are incorrect may submit to the Division of Dockets Management (see **ADDRESSES**) written or electronic comments and ask for a redetermination by May 11, 2009. Furthermore, any interested person may petition FDA for a determination regarding whether the applicant for extension acted with due diligence during the regulatory review period by September 8, 2009. To meet its burden, the petition must contain sufficient facts to merit an FDA investigation. (See H. Rept. 857, part 1, 98th Cong., 2d sess., pp. 41-42, 1984.) Petitions should be in the format specified in 21 CFR 10.30.

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Dated: February 17, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2007-E-0230]

Determination of Regulatory Review Period for Purposes of Patent Extension; CERENIA TABLETS

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has determined the regulatory review period for CERENIA TABLETS and is publishing this notice of that determination as required by law. FDA has made the determination because of the submission of an application to the Director of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce, for the extension of a patent which claims that animal drug product.

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FDA recently approved for marketing the animal drug product CERENIA TABLETS (maropitant citrate monohydrate). CERENIA TABLETS is indicated for the prevention of acute vomiting in dogs and the prevention of vomiting due to motion sickness in dogs. Subsequent to this approval, the Patent and Trademark Office received a patent term restoration application for CERENIA TABLETS (U.S. Patent No. 6,255,320) from Pfizer Inc., and the Patent and Trademark Office requested FDA's assistance in determining this patent's eligibility for patent term

restoration. In a letter dated May 6, 2008, FDA advised the Patent and Trademark Office that this animal drug product had undergone a regulatory review period and that the approval of CERENIA TABLETS represented the first permitted commercial marketing or use of the product. Shortly thereafter, the Patent and Trademark Office requested that FDA determine the product's regulatory review period.

FDA has determined that the applicable regulatory review period for CERENIA TABLETS is 1,887 days. Of this time, 1,841 days occurred during the testing phase of the regulatory review period, while 46 days occurred during the approval phase. These periods of time were derived from the following dates:

1. *The date an exemption under section 512(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360b(j)) became effective:* December 1, 2001. The applicant claims November 21, 2000, as the date the investigational new animal drug application (INAD) became effective. However, the date that a major health or environmental effects test is begun or the date on which the agency acknowledges the filing of a notice of claimed investigational exemption for a new animal drug, whichever is earlier, is the effective date for the INAD. According to FDA records, December 1, 2001, is the effective date for the INAD.

2. *The date the application was initially submitted with respect to the animal drug product under section 512 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act:* December 15, 2006. The applicant claims December 13, 2006, as the date the new animal drug application (NADA) for CERENIA TABLETS (NADA 141-262) was initially submitted. However, a review of FDA records reveals that NADA 141-262 was initially submitted on December 15, 2006.

3. *The date the application was approved:* January 29, 2007. FDA has verified the applicant's claim that NADA 141-262 was approved on January 29, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2009-D-0060]

Guidance for Industry: Measures to Address the Risk for Contamination by Salmonella Species in Food Containing a Peanut-Derived Product as an Ingredient; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a guidance entitled "Guidance for Industry: Measures to Address the Risk for Contamination by Salmonella Species in Food Containing a Peanut-Derived Product as an Ingredient." This guidance is intended to clarify for manufacturers who produce foods containing a peanut-derived product as an ingredient that there is a risk that *Salmonella* species may be present in the incoming peanut-derived product, and to recommend measures to address that risk.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on agency guidances at any time.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the guidance to the Division of